

# SENATE, No. 639

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires water suppliers to reimburse residential customers for drinking water testing under certain circumstances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning reimbursement of costs of water testing to  
2 residential customers, and supplementing P.L.1977, c.224  
3 (C.58:12A-1 et seq.).  
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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
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8 1. a. The owner or operator of a public water system shall  
9 reimburse a residential customer at the request of the municipality  
10 in which the customer resides, for the cost of water testing at the  
11 residence by a laboratory certified by the Department of  
12 Environmental Protection, when the testing is necessitated by the  
13 exceedance of a maximum contaminant level, or action level, as  
14 appropriate, of a federal or State drinking water standard by the  
15 public water system. The costs of the water testing shall not be  
16 borne by the public water system's regulated rate customers.

17 b. The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt,  
18 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
19 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations to implement the  
20 provisions of this section.  
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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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25 STATEMENT  
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27 This bill would require the owner or operator of a public water  
28 system water to reimburse a residential customer at the request of  
29 the municipality in which the customer resides, for the cost of water  
30 testing at the residence by a lab certified by the Department of  
31 Environmental Protection, when the testing is necessitated by the  
32 exceedance of a maximum contaminant level, or action level, as  
33 appropriate, of a federal or State drinking water standard by the  
34 public water system. The bill prohibits the costs of the water  
35 testing from being passed through to the public water system's  
36 regulated rate customers.